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Greenbelt's History Radburn, Letchworth Are Basis for Town Plan

by James Giese

(This is one of a series of articles about the history of city planning and its influence on the development of Greenbelt. The article is based upon notes made for a lecture series at the Community Church two years ago. Much of the information is taken from the 50th Anniversary book, "Greenbelt, History of a New Town, 1937 - 1987." However, other source material was used as well.)

The plan for Greenbelt is described as being closer to the plan for Radburn, New Jersey than the plan of Ebeneezer Howard for Letchworth, England. However, Greenbelt's garden city plan has elements of both.

The plan for Greenbelt differed considerably from the typical town plan of rectangular blocks and houses set out in a row. Some of the special features of the plan for Greenbelt are:

- It follows the natural topography of the site. The town is laid out along the crest of a fishhook shaped ridge.

- It utilizes superblocks with large interior spaces free of vehicles and the housing clustered into courts.

Music and Magic Featured At NY99 Celebration

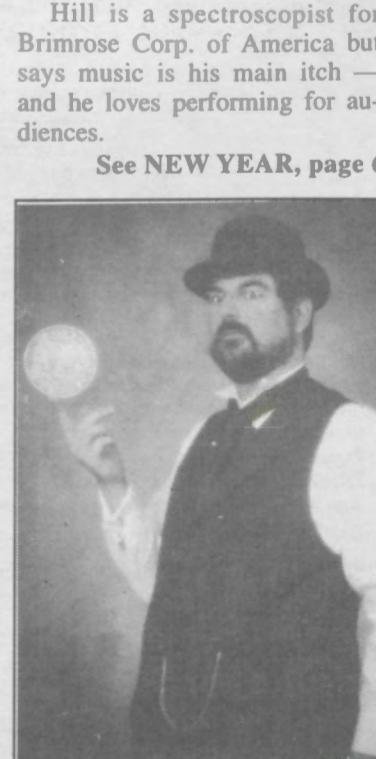
by Patti Brothers

Top entertainers from the Baltimore-Washington area will be sharing their talents with all the folks who will be bringing in the New Year at the NY99 Celebration in the Community Center. Among them is Eric Henning, a master magician who has been providing audiences with mesmerizing shows for more than two decades. His illusions have enchanted audiences from the streets of Paris to the tea-rooms at Montpelier Mansion in Laurel. In January 1998 he "appeared" at the Edgar Allan Poe Birthday Celebration in Baltimore, doing an 1840s-era act.

His unusual "turn-of-the-[20th]-century" parlor act evokes the style of Charles Bertram, court conjuror to Queen Victoria and her son, King Edward VII. Whether weaving an ancient Japanese folk tale with a spool of thread or recounting "Alice in Wonderland" with a pack of cards, Eric Henning's magic evokes the charm of an elegant and unhurried age.

John Hill

John Hill's voice and talent on the acoustic guitar will be providing an evening of great music at the New Deal Cafe. Hill received an Associate degree in music from Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, Pa. From there he free-lanced his musical talents as a solo artist until 1980 when he returned to college and received his bachelors in music.



Eric Henning, master of illusion and mystical magic will entertain children of all ages at Greenbelt New Year '99.

• It provided for a recreational complex located in the town center, which originally consisted of a baseball field, clay and paved tennis courts and a swimming pool (not finished until 1939).

• Also in the town center, on the edge of the recreational facilities, were located the commercial and civic facilities. The combined police and fire department was located in what is now the Domino Pizza building. The school was also a community center and the focal point for community activities. There was an integrated neighborhood shopping center with adjacent parking lots, one of the earliest built.

Interior Sidewalks

• The plan included an interior sidewalk system through the middle of the superblocks, not alongside the streets. Five underpasses were built, of which four provided access to the civic-commercial-recreation area by going under Crescent Road, and one, put under Edmonston Road, provided access to the new high school.

• In part to appease the residents of Berwyn Heights who were not happy about having this new town experiment built next

door, the new high school was located nearer to that town than to the new housing. It was originally built to be a rural community center. (The school is now Greenbelt Middle School and the underpass, although blocked off for use, still exists).

• The clustered housing was not oriented towards the street, as was common to construction of that time. Instead, many of the structures were clustered in U-shaped, 3-building complexes with the interior of each U being the service side for the homes, the place where cars were parked and garages located, where deliveries were made, and refuse placed for collection. Each home had an outdoor utility closet on this side. The other side of the buildings were the garden side and had covered porches and often faced adjacent common areas. The efficiency and one-bedroom apartments were clustered nearest to the town center.

Construction features

The objective was to build structures with low maintenance and replacement costs. Tugwell felt that "the highest standards of construction are essential to low-cost building."

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Campaign to Save Greenbelt Theater

The campaign to save the Old Greenbelt Theater continues this December with "Classic Film Week." This film festival focuses on the Rodgers and Hammerstein classics "The Sound of Music" and "The King And I." The opening night gala will be held on December 18 at 7 p.m. in front of the theater. Local elected officials will participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony and the Friends Of The Greenbelt Theater will be giving away door prizes. "The King and I" will be shown Friday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, December 19 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. "The Sound of Music" will be shown Sunday, December 20 at 4 and 7 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday, December 21-23 at 7 p.m.

The theater will be closed Christmas Eve and will open Christmas Day with the film "Elizabeth."

For more information, call Sarah at 301-397-2208 or Bo 301-474-8000.

What Goes On

Fri., Dec. 18, 7 p.m. "Classic Film Week" Opening Night Gala in front of Greenbelt Theater

Sun., Dec. 20, 5 - 7 p.m. Holiday Potluck Dinner, Community Center

Tue., Dec. 22, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession with Roosevelt Center Merchants Association, Municipal Building

Planned Road Causes Stir In Metro Sector Group

by Virginia Beauchamp

The Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Planning Group came back together on Monday evening, December 7, in the Greenbelt Municipal Building for what had been expected to be a routine appraisal of their achievements so far and an assessment of what was still left to do. By this time members who comprised the original focus group, the core team who began the process, had met together for almost two years and, in January 1998, at the end of their first year, had produced what was called their "final report."

This report became the take-off point for the expanded planning group and the four-charrette process that took place between June and October 1998.

From the beginning the focus group incorporated a wide variety of interests. Included among their number were representatives of adjacent municipalities (College Park, Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt) with sometimes conflicting concerns; private busi-

nesses (Capital Office Park, Beltway Plaza and the owners of the A. H. Smith property); the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA); and members of the planning staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). Among the varying interests they brought to the table were quality of life issues for those who lived nearby, larger environmental and transportation mandates, and the desire of business owners to maximize profits and promote economic development.

In the words of Dean Armstrong, land planner with the law firm of Fossett and Brugger, which represents Capital Office Park, many of the people at the meeting felt as though they had been together "forever."

Attack on the Plan

Armstrong spoke in response to shouted comments by Robert Boone, president of the Anacostia Watershed Society,

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City and Museum Featured In Maryland Magazine

by Sandra A. Lange

The November issue of Maryland Humanities, the quarterly publication of the Maryland Humanities Council, is devoted to "Visions of Community — Town Planning in Maryland." Two articles are included on Greenbelt: "Greenbelt: A New Deal Remnant in Our Midst" written by Cathy D. Knepper, and "Maryland's Best Kept Humanities Secrets: The Greenbelt Museum."

In the first article, Dr. Knepper provides a brief history of Greenbelt's planning principles, tracing its inception from Rexford Tugwell's Resettlement Administration. Tugwell, known as one of President Franklin Roosevelt's "Brain Trusts" during the Great Depression, had a vision of "greenbelt" towns being constructed all across America. Unlike most towns built before and after Greenbelt, Greenbelt was specifically designed for walkers. It demonstrates how the automobile could coexist with housing without being intrusive on family life. As Dr. Knepper points out,

"Greenbelt's rowhouses face each other, forming 'courts,' with small central park areas... So, in addition to very small, private yards of their own, residents enjoyed easy access to an open green area. Local roads formed the superblock boundaries, allowing people to reach their garages or parking spaces."

Greenbelt Museum

The second article on "Maryland's Best Kept Secret" describes the Greenbelt Museum at 10-B Crescent Road as "an

original International Style house near the town's center that is restored and furnished with objects from the period of 1936 to 1946." It notes that the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum's new exhibit "Fashionable, Functional and Frugal: Modern Design in Everyday Objects, 1930-1946" is now on display in the Greenbelt Community Center. "The display explores the infusion of modernist design into homes in Greenbelt via kitchen utensils, appliances, furniture, tableware, flatware and textiles."

The exhibit opened on Friday, November 20, with a gala celebration. The exhibition room, located on the first floor next to the main office, has been completely redesigned in bright Fiesta ware colors of orange, turquoise, red, yellow and green. The exhibition cases were specifically crafted for the room and contain examples of Art Deco streamlining. Glass tableware, chrome ware and plastics are among the many pieces on display. A catalog and a video will be added to the exhibition at a later date.

The exhibition is open daily, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. It is funded by the Maryland Humanities Council, through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Maryland Historical Trust and the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum. A limited number of copies of the Maryland Humanities publication are available at the Greenbelt Museum, open on Sundays, 1 - 5 p.m., and the Greenbelt Library. For additional information, call the museum office at 301-507-6582.

Office Closed Tuesday

Because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays the News Review office for the next two weeks will be open on Monday from 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 p.m. The office will be closed on Tuesday.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks

The Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross would like to thank all those who donated blood on Monday, December 7 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The blood drive collected 38 pints of blood.

The next blood drive will be held on Monday, February 22, 1999 from 2-8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Appointments to donate blood can be made by calling Janet Goldberg after 2:30 p.m. at 301-397-2212.

Janet Goldberg

Insensitivity

I am extremely upset at the behavior I have witnessed in this city over the last six months. A very unfortunate and tragic event took place in Greenbelt this past summer, but, I am now even more distraught at what has occurred since then. My family and I have resided in Greenbelt for the last 15 years and I have never been ashamed to call Greenbelt my home, until now.

In June, my boyfriend Jason, was killed in an automobile accident on Crescent Road. It was and still is a great shock to his friends and family. He was a vibrant 22 year old man with a tremendous heart and wonderful sense of humor. Sometimes his loss is just unbearable. During the next several weeks and months to follow the accident, numerous loved ones came to Crescent Road to lay down flowers, pictures, letters, candles and other mementos that had meaning and was something special between them and Jason. One thing in particular that was taken was a set of Rosary beads that a close friend had left that were given to him as a child.

Eventually, I was able to go down to the tree to place a cross there as a remembrance to Jason. (I have seen many, many places along the roadways that have similar things placed at the site where a loved one has passed.) To my utter amazement and shock, a few weeks after all those things were lovingly placed in memory of Jason, someone had taken all of them. Every dried flower, a candle, pictures, even the cross that was buried in the ground was taken. I never imagined that people could be so insensitive to other people's feelings. I tried to replace what I could, some things are irreplaceable, but I placed another cross where the previous one was and slowly more flowers and candles.

A month or so passed and I was driving by the tree and had to stop my car and get out to see if I was not hallucinating. Everything was taken again! I found a few things in the woods nearby and placed them by the tree. Within two weeks it was all gone again.

If you have ever lost someone close to you, you will understand that this is very hurtful. Jason's resting place is 1 1/2 hours away and it is difficult for me and others to drive there to mourn his loss. I and other friends visit the tree and take a moment to reflect. I am having a very difficult time understanding how anyone in this

city would have any reason to disturb what was left at the tree.

I would like for whomever has done this to think about what their actions have done to me and other loved ones who left something at the tree in remembrance. I barely have enough energy to get through some days without having to explain to his friends why some insensitive person in Greenbelt has chosen to steal the things that were left for Jason. Please, next time just take a moment and think before you take what does not belong to you or has no meaning for you.

Melissa Mays

See the Video

Sunday afternoon I was able to see in the Community Center what many have seen on Greenbelt Cable, a film entitled "The Nature of the Greenbelt at Metro." This video filmed, written, and created entirely locally by Doug Love and the staff of Greenbelt TV, shows so clearly what will be lost of beauty and value if the present plan for the development of the land around the metro is executed.

Housing development, highway construction as well as landscaping projects destroy the bushes, vines, and undergrowth so necessary to nesting birds. This area slated for intensive development has streams supporting life, dens for small animals, many small trees, little of the old growth kind, but it is too beautiful to pave over with a road not going anywhere much, a road that would result in the pollution of the streams and the destruction of wetlands.

I hope many others will see this video and appreciate what may be done here.

Jean Snyder

Hypocrites?

I was born and raised in Greenbelt and still consider it to be my home. I have members of my family that live both in old Greenbelt and the new Parkside development. It is with great distress that I have watched as a small group of individuals acting as the "guardians" of Greenbelt have gone to such great lengths viciously attacking our new residents in this newspaper. Are they promoting a "last one in lock the door" mentality? Their attitudes seem reminiscent of the prejudice towards race and ethnicity of days I had thought were long gone. So much for the idea of living out the "American Dream" today in Greenbelt. What is their real reason for such zealously hostile behavior toward our new neighbors?

These protestors claim they are defending the Democratic process. The only Democratic process I see at work here is the misinformation, distortions and innuendo similar to what you find in today's modern political smear campaign. All these new residents of Parkside are looking for are basic services, a sense of community and someone to take their tax dollars. Doesn't sound that complicated to me. By the way, have the "guardians" offered to reimburse the money the citizens of Greenbelt will lose by

sending Parkside tax revenue to Riverdale or the \$5,000 cost of this upcoming special election? Oh please!! I am amazed that while such an all out attack takes place on the residents of Parkside, "Tyson's Corner III" is being planned for the area surrounding the Greenbelt Metro and construction in BARC and NASA goes on. Waiting to hear the battle cry from these same individuals crying foul over this annexation, my ears have been met by complete silence. Hypocrites dare we say??? You bet!! To the folks in Parkside, find a friendlier town.

To the citizens of Greenbelt, take back your city from this misguided cancerous minority.

To the individuals behind this controversy, get a life.

David Downs
College Park

Strange Argument

Isaac Robinson makes a strange argument in his letter titled "Fit Right In" (News Review Nov. 26) for annexing Parkside into Greenbelt: he says the people there are friendly and "must have meetings and discussions, perhaps like in the old days when Greenbelt was cast off from the federal system by Congress to fend for itself."

Nice Parksiders! Mean old Congress! Poor shivering Greenbelters thrown out into the cold night by Congress!

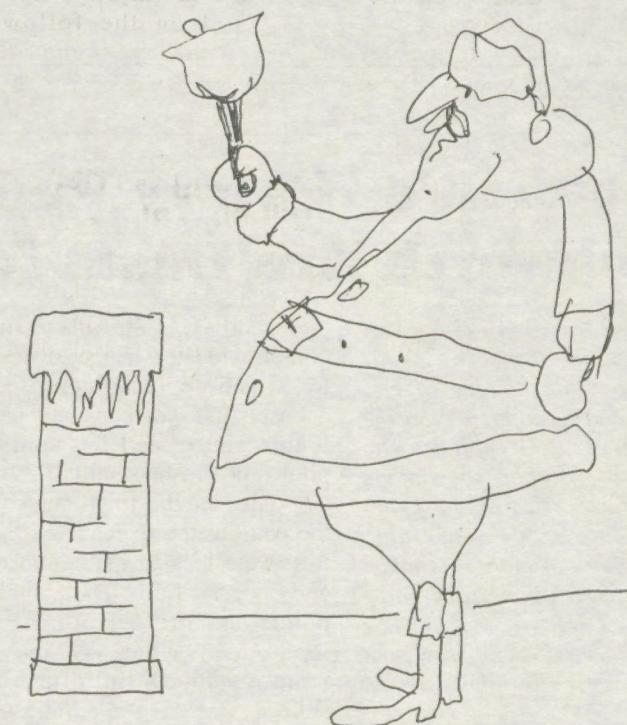
But that isn't what happened at all. After World War II ended, many powerful profit-seeking industries tried to get Congress to sell them cheaply all sorts of federal programs — ranging from the Post Office and Government Printing Office to the Mississippi Barge Lines to public housing. They wanted to cash in by selling the services and products of these facilities at boosted-up prices.

Some Greenbelters feared that the private real estate industry would get its hands on what became Greenbelt Homes, then federally-owned, and jack the very low, subsidized rents sky-high. So these Greenbelters got Congress to authorize the sale of Greenbelt instead to a co-op of the then tenants. They knew rents would have to rise in a self-sustaining co-op (and they did) but not as much as if a profit-seeking landlord got his hands on it. And these Greenbelt tenants, the pioneer co-ops, got the whole project for a good low price. When some other Greenbelt tenants moved out, that opened up vacancies for new people to join GHI and move in (people like me and, later, Robinson).

That is not any argument or reason, either for the City of Greenbelt to annex territory outside the city limits or not to annex. I know not what other Greenbelters' reasons are for or against annexing Parkside, but never thought that the niceness of Parksiders was an issue. I'm against annexing unless and until we get more police so that we don't spread an already too thin police department thinner over a geographically growing area.

When a person needs a cop and there isn't one available, and he has to wait at the police station for nearly a half-hour after

The Old Curmudgeon



Can't wait to get my new 'Gucci' boots next year at the upscale department store.

arriving there before a cop arrives so he can report an incident, it comes as unwelcome news later that the cops could have been miles from where we live and shop.

Get us more police coverage, not less, and deal with a few other practical problems such as public works, and then annexation might lose opponents.

Mat Amberg

Holiday Shortage Of Blood Projected

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors with type-O or type-B blood to call 1-800-

GIVE BLOOD and make an appointment to donate blood in December.

The Red Cross tries to keep a three-day supply of common blood types in its inventory. This morning, the supply of type-O blood—both Rh positive and negative—stood at less than one day.

Postal Service Has Extended Hours

The Greenbelt Post Office, 119 Centerway, will continue its holiday hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 19, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and, Sunday, Dec. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m.; Tuesday 8 - 10 p.m.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

There will be a Golden Age meeting on December 23. Milt Mortman will speak on Hannukah foods. This reporter attended the demonstration on kitchen gift ideas sponsored by the University of Maryland's Extension Service, and the Co-op food store. It was very nice - with quick recipes for cookies and other sweets. There were various baskets, some done by Co-op employees, and prizes were awarded.

A member of the Board spoke on Habitat for Humanity at the meeting on December 9. There are several ways in which individuals might help. There is a house being built in Mount Rainier. The office is also located in Mount Rainier, and volunteer information can be obtained at 301-779-1912.

Pearl Siegel announced upcoming trips: in January a musical about creation at a dinner theatre; in March, plan to go to Timonium for the Home & Flower Show; April - there will be a trip to Wilmington, DE for a Japanese art show.

Karen Haseley says brochures are being mailed to residents for upcoming classes. Advance registration will be the week of December 21. Holiday wishes go to Karen, and all workers at the Community Center.

Get-well wishes go to those on the sick list, especially Dorothy Rehmy who is seriously ill at home and Nick Pergola who will be having surgery.

We are very grateful to all who helped make our holiday party a big success. Also to Nick Pergola and Joe Wilkinson, in particular, for selling our 50/50 tickets as the profits go toward the monthly parties.

Stay well, and don't overdo in this busy season. Everyone needs to be ready for another great year in 1999!

Bally Offers Passes For Toy Campaign

Bally Total Fitness announced that anyone donating a new toy to the "Toys for Tots" campaign at any of its Washington, D.C. area fitness centers will receive a 30-day guest pass to work out at Bally Total Fitness. Bally's seven Washington, D.C. area fitness centers are serving as collection points for the U.S. Marine Corps' annual "Toys For Tots" campaign from now until December 21.

Toys to be donated to the "Toys for Tots" program should be brought, new and unwrapped, to any of the Washington, D.C. area Bally Total Fitness centers on or before Monday, December 21 and placed in the "Toys for Tots" box in the reception area. In Greenbelt the fitness center is at Greenway Center.

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule**MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000**

Tuesday and Thursday, December 22 & 24

6:00 p.m. "Santa in Greenbelt"

6:30 p.m. "Greenbelt Concert Band-Holiday Lights"

7:45 p.m. "Combined Choir Christmas Concert"

PUBLIC ACCESS-301-507-6581

Public Access Programming (GATE) shows on Wednesdays. Please call for information about schedule.

Community Events

At the Library

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System will be closed on the following days: Thursday through Sunday, December 24-27.

Geff King & Friends Will Play Bluegrass

Solo turned all-star gig! Resident singer, guitarist, and song writer Geff King will be bringing in a band of East Coast talent to the New Deal Cafe on Friday, December 18. Those who have heard King's original music will get a kick out of hearing them bluegrass style. Many of them were actually bluegrass anyway. King's little solo turned into a group gig when he heard recently that bassist Kip Martin (just arrived from New England) and mandolinist Lisa Howard (Martin's friend and harmony singer) might be available to join in. That left only a banjo player to find and a quick email turned up Chris Athey from Virginia. Other guests may arrive and be invited to sit it.

Come Visit Waine's Winter Wonderland

Arthur Waine, longtime Greenbelt resident, has done it again in making Greenbelt Empress Travel ready for Christmas. The decorations are in place, ready to be seen and enjoyed by all. Over 150 moving Christmas figures (including some of the travel agents that work there) are creating a festive holiday spirit in the office.

Waine has accumulated this collection over the years and it continues to grow and grow. He takes great pleasure in doing this task and wishes to share the spirit of Christmas with all who stop by Greenbelt Empress Travel to see it. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is located at 5510 Cherrywood Lane.

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE**WEEK OF DECEMBER 18****Classical Music Week**

All seats \$3

The King and I
(restored version)

Fri. 7:30

Sat. 4:30, 7:30

The Sound of Music

Sun. 4:00, 7:00

Mon.-Wed. 7:00

Thurs. Closed

Starts Christmas Day**Elizabeth (R)**

www.pgttheatres.com

Gray Panthers Holiday Potluck

Gray Panthers and the Greenbelt Recreation Department are sponsoring a free Holiday Potluck dinner Sunday, December 20 at the Greenbelt Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. All are invited. Bring a favorite dish to share. For information call Janet Parker, 301-474-6668, or Esther Webb, 301-474-6890.

Babysitting Course At Greenbelt CARES

The Greenbelt New Year '99 celebration will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center on Thursday, December 31 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Advance ticket sales, at reduced fees, may be purchased until December 25.

After December 25 the prices will rise, though still reasonable. Tickets are free to children through age four. Finish '98 and start '99 with this non-alcoholic New Year's celebration for all ages.

Purchase Energy Efficient Gifts

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency urges holiday shoppers to look for the Energy Star logo when buying holiday gifts that use electricity. The logo identifies computers, VCRs, TVs, and appliances that help the environment by using less energy. Energy Star is a federal program that promotes energy efficient technologies.

Saving energy helps the environment because most of the electricity used is produced by fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas. When burned, these fuels release air pollutants that cause smog, acid rain and respiratory disease. Carbon dioxide emissions from energy use accelerate the greenhouse effect which causes global climate change.

Saving just 10,000 kilowatt hours per year prevents 55 pounds of nitrogen oxides, 128 pounds of sulfur dioxide, and 7.5 tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere, reducing smog, acid rain and the impact to climate. The carbon dioxide reductions are the equivalent of planting two acres of trees.

EPA and the Department of En-

ergy created the Energy Star program to promote the use of energy efficient equipment. They allow manufacturers whose products meet federal energy efficiency criteria to use the Energy Star label.

When TVs and VCRs are turned off, they continue to use energy for features like remote control and channel memory. Some energy experts call this waste "leaking electricity." Energy Star-labeled products help eliminate this waste because they don't leak electricity.

The amount of energy consumed by home electronics when they are not in use is the equivalent to the annual output of six power plants. If all Americans purchased only Energy Star-labeled TVs and VCRs, the reduction in air pollution would be the equivalent of taking one million cars off the road.

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three watts or less of power when switched off - an energy savings of up to 75 percent over conventional models, which consume as many as 12 watts when off. Energy Star-labeled VCRs require four watts or less of power when switched off - an energy savings of up to 70 percent of conventional models which consume as many as 13 watts when switched off.

Energy Star-labeled equipment such as computers, monitors, printers and fax machines power down to a "sleep" mode when not in use. Any action such as the movement of the mouse, a keyboard stroke, an incoming message, fax or print job reactivates the equipment. Because of the "sleep" mode, Energy Star-labeled equipment uses only about half the electricity as standard equipment, resulting in less pollution, lower electric bills and longer equipment life.

People can find out more about Energy Star online at <http://www.epa.gov/energystar> or call 1-888-STAR-YES.

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December 20, 1998
10:30 a.m.

"Light and Liberation"
Hanukkah and History
by John Burciaga
Holiday Dinner to follow



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Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

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SUNDAY

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Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship Service 11:00 am

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Saturday 5 p.m.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church

10110 Greenbelt Road
Lanham, MD 20706-2206
(301) 794-7300

Christmas Eve—December 24, 1998
5:30 pm Service of Carols and Holy Communion
(with Children's choir)

10 pm Service of Carols and Holy Communion
(with Senior Choir)

(preceded by special music beginning at 9:30 pm)

Each Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School for all ages

11 am Eucharist



Come and worship with us as we celebrate the Lord's Birth!

City Notes

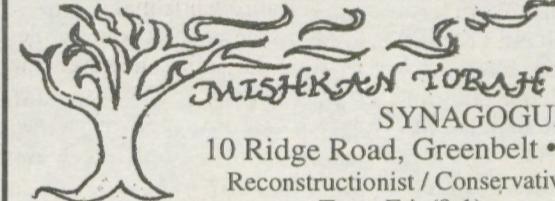
Two new Yield to Pedestrian signs and poles were installed on Hanover Parkway. Four Crosswalk signs were refaced and installed at St. Hugh's. A damaged bollard was replaced on Hanover Parkway. Stages were moved from the City Office Building to the Community Center.

Playgrounds received continued maintenance with wood borders installed by 5 court and 73 court Ridge. Leaves were vacuumed in Woodland Hills and around the city. Braden Field's batting cage received a new net, and the tennis

court lights were repaired.

The Horticulture Crew planted 350 bulbs and over 2,000 pansies and forget-me-nots in beds at Lakeside, Boxwood, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt Cemetery, Attick Park, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Greenbelt Museum, Youth Center and Police Department. Shrubs were pruned and perennial beds cleaned at the Police Department as well. The median strip on Mandan Road near Glen Oaks received new flower beds with 800 daffodils and 1,600 grape hyacinths planted.

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7:30 pm Family Service with Eucharist
11:30 pm Eucharist

Christmas Day: 10 am Eucharist

Christmas Eve:
5 pm Children's Sermon with Eucharist
7 pm Eucharist, Junior Choir
10 pm Eucharist, Adult Choir—
Selections from "The Messiah"
Christmas Day: 10 a.m. Eucharist

St. Barnabas', Upper Marlboro
14111 Oak Grove Road
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Christmas Eve:
7 pm Family Eucharist
10:30 pm Christmas Music
11 pm Festive Eucharist
Christmas Day: 11 am Eucharist

St. George's, Glenn Dale
Lanham-Severn Road at Glenn Dale Road
301-262-3285

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10:30 pm Midnight Mass
(Sign Interpreted)
Christmas Day: 11 am Eucharist

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Dec. 20 Worship Service 8:30

Childrens Special Program 10:00 am

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm,

10:00 pm

Dec. 25 Christmas Communion 10:00 am



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Rev. Stephen H. Mentz, Pastor (301) 345-5111

Baha'i Faith

"He who dealeth faithlessly with God shall in justice meet with faithlessness himself; he, however, who acteth in accordance with God's bidding shall receive a blessing from the heaven of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious, the Bestower, the Generous, the Ancient of Days."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
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Greenbelt, MD 20770

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Sunday Services

9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the
Deaf/Hard of Hearing)
10 am Education for all ages
11 am Sung Service

Brownie Troop Stars In Holiday Concert

by Altonia Bell Ross

The Greenbelt Concert Band played a wonderful array of festive music on Sunday at the Community Center. The Festival of Lights concert also featured a special vocal group to accompany its holiday sounds.

Conductor G. Thomas Cherrix and assistant conductor James Moore led several selections that highlighted the strengths of the various sections of the band. A nice and mellow saxophone solo bellowed during "Highlights from Mame," directed by Moore. In L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2, the woodwinds carried a pretty tune in the movement, "Pastorale"; an oboe and saxophone rendered a lovely duet in "Intermezzo"; and the flutes and clarinets played a cute ditty in "Farandole." The selection, "A Fireside Christmas," featuring "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," brought together all the sections for a harmonic blend.

Despite these strengths, other songs did not go over as well. For instance, during "The Little Drummer Boy," the woodwinds joined by the brass section beautifully played the melody accented by the percussions, but seemed to lose tempo just a bit during this, otherwise, upbeat number. Also in "Greensleeves," the overall sound was moving, but the brass section was overpowering.

In addition to the melodious music, fourteen little girls from Brownie Troop #2208 at Holy Trinity School in Bowie sang "Happy Christmas Holiday," including the strains of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Silent Night," and "Angels We Have Heard on High." Then, they put

down their sheet music and belted out "Frosty the Snowman." After Joan Culpepper announced that the next selection would be "Jingle Bells," an excited child in the audience began loudly singing it before the band could strike up or the girls could start. This elicited laughter. Eight-year-old Sophia Youn also was excited about this song. "We got to ring the bells," the Greenbelt resident said after the performance. Santa also appeared and read "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

All of the concert was not devoted to Christmas; however, the band also played "The Festival of Hanukkah," with "Chanuka Chag Ya'fe," "Hanerot Halalu," and "Ner Li."

During the final selection on the program, "A Christmas Festival," the Brownies returned and distributed candy canes to members of the audience. Allison Dennis, who sang with the troop, summed up the girls' performance and the evening. "We got to sing up there (onstage), and it was much better (than last year)," said the eight-year-old. "I thought the concert went pretty well."

Volunteers Needed

The Whitman-Walker Clinic of suburban Maryland is seeking volunteers to assist persons living with HIV/AIDS. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Buddy Program, Nursing Home Visitors, Speakers Bureau, Food Delivery Drivers, Legal Services and Reception & Administration. For additional information, call Francis McGrath at 301-439-0731.



Tom Cherrix, conductor, recognizes the members of his hardworking Concert Band.

-photo by Leigh Catterton



My wife Allen, our family and I wish you and yours A Blessed Holy Season, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year that brings Peace, Joy and Good Health to All!

Senator Leo Green

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 24th - January 3rd

Holiday Schedule in effect

Thursday, December 24

12:00 - 2:15 p.m.
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25

CLOSED

Saturday, December 26

11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 27

10:30 - 12:30 p.m.
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Monday, December 28

12:00 - 2:15 p.m.
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 29

12:00 - 2:15 p.m.
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 30

12:00 - 2:15 p.m.
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 31

12:00 - 2:15 p.m.
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1

12:00 - 2:15 p.m.
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 2

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 3

10:30 - 12:30 p.m.
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Pick Up Hockey

9:30 - 11:30 p.m.
Sun., December 27 and January 3

Freestyle Sessions -

5:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Monday, December 28 - Tuesday, December 29,
Friday, January 1

Admission Fees

	PG/Mont. resident	Non- resident
■ Adults	\$4.50	5.50
■ Children (17 & under)	3.50	4.25
■ Senior Citizen (60 & up)	3.50	4.25
■ Skate Rental	3.50	3.50
■ Freestyle session	8.25	10.00
■ Pick Up Hockey	8.25	10.00

Ice 'n Easy Days

Dec. 24, 28, 29, 30, 31 and Jan. 18 & 29

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Parents looking for something to do when school is out for the day. Ice 'n Easy Days offer a beginner ice skating lesson, games, arts and crafts, and ice skating. Available for ages 6-12. Before care and after care hours available for a fee.

Fee: \$25.00 for Bi-County residents
\$30.00 for Non Bi-County residents
Call for before and after care fees.

Register today for ice hockey or ice skating lessons.

Classes begin January 2.

Fee: Beginner-Intermediate, Bi-County \$60.00
Non-Bi-County \$72.00; Advanced, Bi-County \$65.00,
Non-Bi-County \$78.00, Hockey, Bi-County \$70.00,
Non-Bi-County \$84.00.

Birthday Special - available during any public skating session. Prove it's your birthday and ice skate for FREE!

Group Special - Bring a group of ten (10) or more to ice skate and pay a special rate.

Fee: \$4.00 for Bi-County residents.
\$5.00 Non Bi-County residents.
This includes admission and skate rental. Advance notice and payment required.

Lunch Time Special - Monday thru Friday

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Bring your lunch and ice skate.

Fee: \$2.00 per person.

The fee includes admission and skate rental.

Military/College/M-NCPPC Community Center

Identification Special - Present your current military/college/M-NCPPC Community Center ID and ice skate for a special fee.

Fee: \$4.00 for Bi-County residents and
\$5.00 for Non Bi-County residents. The fee includes admission and
skate rental. Available during all public skating sessions.

Rent the rink - Non-prime ice time available for only \$150.00 per hour.
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DC Motors: Tom Roos, Mike Dimmick and Art Fox.

New Year

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DC Motors

DC Motors will be bringing in the New Year in fine style in the gym. DC Motors, a Washington, D.C. USA-based band, may be the longest continuously playing full-time rock band in the Washington area. Band members are Mike Dimmick, Art Fox and Tom Ross. The three have been performing together for 20 years, playing an average of 225-300 jobs each year.

The band plays an unusually wide variety of styles, from alternative and classic rock to modern and classic country to oldies to Motown to original tunes — songs spanning the last four decades. They have a rapid-fire style, with very little time between songs, except for injecting humor and audience interaction. The emphasis is on lots of fun. They feature three-part harmony and strong lead voices. They are sure to provide everyone with a wonderful, get up and dance, evening.



John Hill will perform at the New Deal Cafe.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

May the joy and peace of the holidays be with you now and through the New Year!

My staff Sharon, Karen, and Jude join me in wishing you Happiness, Health & Prosperity in 1999!

Audrey E. Scott

District 4

Prince George's County Council



Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

101 Centerway

December Membership Rates

Winter - expires 5/28/99

Annual - expires 8/6/99

Resident Family	\$171	\$276
Resident Adult	\$83	\$133
Resident Youth	\$37	\$63
Resident Senior	\$41	\$68

*They make excellent holiday gifts!!!
January rates also available.*

Proof of residency required
when purchasing a membership.
call 301-397-2204 for more information



Greenbelt Recreation Department

WINTER REGISTRATION GENERAL CLASS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Mail-In Registration Begins December 21

Mail-In registration is now accepted. In person registration is required at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Mail In Registrations Accepted Beginning:

Greenbelt Resident	December 21	Walk-In (for all)	January 4
Non-Residents	December 28		

Walk-In Registration Locations:

Greenbelt Youth Center	Monday thru Friday, 9am to 4:30pm
Greenbelt Community Center	Monday thru Saturday 9am to 9:30pm

A 'DROP BOX' is located at the Community Center and the Youth Center, where registrations may be 'DROPPED' at any time during the registration period. For mail registration, complete registration forms and mail with payment to: **Greenbelt Recreation Department, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 20770**. MasterCard/Visa and checks are accepted. If paying by credit card, please include the card type (MC/VS), the expiration date, and the credit card number. Checks should be made payable to the 'City of Greenbelt'.

Class Schedule

Except where noted, all classes will begin the week of January 10, 1999. Saturday classes will begin January 16, 1999. Please see class description for specific dates and times. If class is canceled, make-ups will be held at the end of the regular class schedule. PLEASE NOTE: All classes have a limited enrollment. Early registration improves your chances of getting the class you want!!

City Residency

Resident rates apply to those persons who reside in, pay taxes to and are eligible to vote in Greenbelt elections (if 18 years of age or older). Non-resident rates apply to those who live outside of Greenbelt or those who have a Greenbelt mailing address, but do not pay taxes to the city.

Information and Weather Hotline

Call the information and weather hotline for updates on classes, programs and activities when there is inclement weather 301/474-5525.

P.G. County School Holidays

Pre-school and children's classes that begin BEFORE 4:30 pm will not meet on P.G. County school holidays. Adult classes will be held as scheduled except where noted in class description.

Pre-School Classes (R=Resident Rates NR=Non-Resident Rates)

Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
127503-1	Mom's Morning Out 3-4 yrs	Tu/Th/9-12noon/YC-A&C R:\$120; NR:\$144; 8-weeks Begins 1/5	Gaye Houchens Carol Mealey	Program designed to aid in social, gross motor, learning & listening skills. Due to health requirements children must be <i>fully</i> potty trained. Program will <i>not</i> be held on P.G. County School holidays. Class ends February 26, 1999.
127503-2	Mom's Morning Out 5 yrs	Tu/Th/12:30-3:00 pm/YC-A&C R:\$100; NR:\$120 8-weeks. Begins 1/5	Cathy Pracht	NOTICE (Payment 1 due 12/31/98) (Payment 2 due 1/29/99)
127503-3	Mom's Morning Out 4-5 yrs	M/W/F/9-1pm/YC-A&C R:\$210; NR:\$252; 8 weeks Begins 1/4	Gaye Houchens Carol Mealey	Basic dance movements, rhythm and coordination.
124201-2	Pre-Ballet 3-4 yrs	Tu/3:15-4pm/CC-Dance R:\$25; NR:\$30; 8 weeks	Pam White	Gymnastic fundamentals, safe tumbling, and creative movement
122502-1	Pre-Gymnastics 3-5 yrs	Th/3:30-4:15pm/YC-GYM R:\$30; NR:\$37.50; 8 weeks	ABC Jamboree	No parents allowed in class. Make and take projects for the youngest of artists.
123407-1	Pre-School Arts and crafts 3-5 yrs	Th/3:30-4:15pm/SHL FREE; 6 weeks Registration required.	Nicole Gibbs	Songs, games and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills.
122401-1	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs	Tu/3:30-4:15 pm/SHL FREE; 6 weeks Registration required.	Janet Goldberg	Songs, games, and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills.
122503-1	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs	Tu/4:15-5pm/YC-A&C FREE; 6-weeks Registration required	Sandi Kent	Songs, games, and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills.
122503-2	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs	Th/4:15-5pm/YC-A&C FREE; 6-weeks Registration required	Cathy Pracht	Songs, games, and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills.
117505-2	Tiny Tots Drop-In 9-18 mos	Tu/9:30-10:30am/YC-MPR R:\$15; NR:\$18.75; 8 weeks Drop-in: \$2.50 /class	No Instructor	Unstructured, quality playtime for child and their adult caregiver.
117505-1	Tiny Tots Drop-In 9-18 mos	Th/9:30-10:30am/YC-MPR R:\$15; NR:\$18.75; 8 weeks Drop-in: \$2.50/class	No Instructor	Unstructured, quality playtime for child and their adult caregiver.
112501-1	Toddler Gym I 1 1/2-2 1/2 yrs.	W/9:30-10:30/YC-Gym R:\$15; NR:\$18.75; 8 weeks Drop-in: \$2.50/class	Cathy Pracht	Parent and child will enjoy games, songs, and a gym full of play toys.
112501-2	Toddler Gym II 2 1/2-3 1/2 yrs.	F/9:30-10:30/YC-Gym R:\$15; NR:\$18.75; 8 weeks Drop-in: \$2.50/class	Cathy Pracht	Parent and child will enjoy games, songs, and a gym full of play toys.

Children's Classes (R=Resident Rates NR=Non-Resident Rates)

Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
133401-1	Arts and Crafts 6-10 yrs	F/4-4:45pm/SHL FREE; 6-weeks Registration Required		Make and take projects for the young artists. Registration required.
134202-2	Ballet 5-7 yrs	Tu/4:15-5 pm/CC-Dance R:\$25; NR: \$30; 8-weeks	Pam White	Emphasis on proper alignment and body awareness.
134203-2	Ballet/Jazz 8+ yrs	Tu/5:15-6pm/CC-Dance R:\$25; NR:\$30; 8-weeks	Pam White	Basic movements, encouraging creativity and expression.
145202-1	Ballet I: Beg 4-8 yrs	Sa/10-11am/CC-Dance R:\$60; NR:\$75; 8-weeks	Hazel Lopez	Ballet for Beginners.
145203-1	Ballet II: Int 9+ yrs.	Sa/11am-12noon/CC-Dance R:\$60; NR:\$75; 8-weeks	Hazel Lopez	Ballet for Intermediates.
132202-1	Beginning Karate 5-12 yrs	TH/5:30-6:30pm/CC-Dance R:\$40; NR:\$48; 8-weeks	Arturo Oliva	Self-defense and confidence thru the use of karate. Uniform \$35.

Young Woman Killed By Ex-Boy Friend

Zipporah Genova Mack, a 23 year old Springhill Lake resident, died early Wednesday morning from multiple gun shot wounds. According to Greenbelt Police Department spokesman Pfc. Britt Cave, Mack was approached by a former boy friend as she walked from her car to her residence. As she attempted to enter her building he began shooting at her, striking her several times.

Earlier Tuesday evening the Greenbelt Police department received a report of shots fired in the area of 9116 Springhill Lane. A second call was received moments later reporting a woman had been shot at that address.

The victim was shot an unknown number of times. Pfc. Cave reported in an 11 p.m. press release that the woman knew the man who shot her.

The victim, a resident of 9116 Springhill Lane, was taken to Washington Hospital Center, where her condition was at first listed as critical. She died at 2:39 a.m.

An arrest warrant was issued for the suspect, George Trenton Bobbitt, 34, who is not a resident of Greenbelt.

Any information about the incident or the whereabouts of George T. Bobbitt should be reported to the Criminal Investigation Unit of the Greenbelt Police Department at 301 507-6515.



GHI FALL GUTTER CLEANING PROGRAM

Gutter cleaning for GHI units will continue next week from December 21st until Christmas Eve. The cleaning schedule for December 21 to December 24 is as follows:

- 56, 58, 60, & 62 Courts Crescent Road
- 1, 2, 3, & 5 Courts of Eastway
- 4 and 5 Courts of Gardenway
- 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, & 10 Courts of Hillside
- 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 24, 32, 34, 36, & 38 Courts Ridge
- 7 through 11 Courts Southway
- 1 & 2 Courts Woodland Way

If you have any questions, please contact the project supervisor, Bob Tucker on (301) 474-6011.



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Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center



Holiday Hours

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24, 1998
6 am - 6 pm

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25, 1998
12 pm - 4 pm

Call 301-397-2204
for more information



Greenbelt Recreation Department

GENERAL CLASS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION (cont'd)

Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
132502-1	Gymnastics 6-10 yrs	Th/4:30-5:15pm/YC-Gym R:\$30; NR:\$37.50; 8-weeks	ABC Jamboree	Concentration on tumbling, apparatus, creative movement and safety. No parents allowed in class.
132201-1	Intermediate/ Advanced Karate 5-12 yrs	TH/5:30-6:30pm/CC-Rehearsal R:\$40; NR:\$48; 8-weeks	Marcela Oliva	Self-defense through the use of karate. Yellow belt L-2 or higher.
	Kid's Quickies Workshops 6-10 yrs	Tu, January 19/4-5pm/YC Make & Bake Sculpey Clay W, February 17/4-5pm/YC Tie Dye T-shirts	Jen Elkoh	Quick make, take it one hour fun workshops. Tie dyers-bring a 100% cotton t-shirt for a great wearable project.
				School Age Care
				GLAD
				(Greenbelt Leisure & Activity Days)
				Kids in grades 1 - 6 are invited to join the Greenbelt Recreation Department for GLAD. We plan exciting activities on Prince George's County scheduled school holidays. Registration is at the Greenbelt Youth Center. The day is from 9am-3:30pm with optional Before and After care. Before Care (7am-9am) and After Care (3:30pm-6pm) are available for \$5 each.
				Activity # Day Cost
				136501-1 January 29 R: \$20; NR: \$25

Teen/Adult Classes (R=Resident Rates NR=Non-Resident Rates)

Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
145201-1	American Folk Dancing 16+	M/7:30-9:30pm/CC-Rehearsal R:\$25; NR:\$30; 6-weeks	Charles Pineda	A mix of traditional square/contra mixer dances. Open to all levels of experience.
169201-1	Beginning Bridge 16+	T/7-9pm/CC-Game Rm R:\$30; NR:\$38; 8-weeks	Henry Erno	Learn the basics of bridge, including bidding, scoring, the Golden Rules, and general playing guidelines.
144202-1	Country Line Dancing: Beg 16+	W/7-8:00pm/CC-Rehearsal R:\$45; NR:\$52; 8-weeks	Danielle Celdran	Learn basic country line dancing steps. Participants will enjoy meeting new people and burning calories.
144202-2	Country Line Dancing: Inter 16+	W/8-9:00pm/CC-Rehearsal R:\$45; NR:\$52; 8-weeks	Danielle Celdran	For those people who know basic country line dances and would like to learn some different steps.
152203-1	Fit N' Fun Aerobics 16+	M/W/F/9:30-10:45am/CC R:\$42; NR:\$51; 10-weeks 2 days/wk; R:\$28; NR:\$34 Drop-in R:\$2; NR:\$3	Judy Cocchiaro	Bring mats and weights to CC-gym. High/low aerobics. Babysitting available. Starts 1/4/99.
154201-1	Greek Folk Dancing 16+	Su/7:30-9pm/CC-Dance Fee: \$30/person; 8-weeks	Chris Tennent	Remember Zorba and wonderful Greek Music? Have fun, keep fit. Begins on 1/24.
155501-1	Green Plants for Brown Thumbs 16+	W/7:30-9pm/CC-Sr. Class Rm R:\$20; NR:\$25; 4-weeks	Charles Pineda	Lessons on identification, potting & watering, pruning, propagating and pest management. Possible material fee.
152202-1	Health Fitness 16+	Tu/7-8pm/CC-Dance Studio R:\$20; NR:\$24; 8-weeks	Amy Derin	Basic fitness, classical dance, hatha yoga and much more. Bring a mat.
152202-2	Health Fitness 16+	TH/7-8pm/CC-Dance Studio R:\$20; NR:\$24; 8-weeks	Amy Derin	Basic fitness, classical dance, hatha yoga and much more. Bring a mat.
152208-1	Holistic Wellness 16+	M/7-9pm/CC-Sr. Class Rm R:\$40; NR:\$45; 8-weeks	Julie Gaebe	Holistic wellness program to improve physical, emotional & mental health.
154501-1	International Folk Dancing 16+	F/8-10pm/YC-MPR \$30/person; 8-weeks	Roland Forbes	Variety of international dances for all skill levels.
142201-1	Karate Shotokan 13+	Th/6:30-7:30pm/CC-Rehearsal R:\$40; NR:\$48; 8-weeks	Arturo Oliva	Learn self-defense, improve confidence and muscle tone thru karate.
142201-2	Cardio Karate Kick Boxing 13+	Th/8:30-9:30pm/CC-Dance R:\$40; NR:\$48; 8-weeks Drop in: R:\$6; NR:\$7	Arturo Oliva	Aerobic workout using basic karate & kick boxing movements. If you sign-up for this class, attend the Saturday class FREE.
142201-3	Cardio Karate Kick Boxing 13+	Sat/9:00-10:00am/CC-Dance R:\$40; NR:\$48; 8-weeks Drop in: R:\$6; NR:\$7	Arturo Oliva	Aerobic workout using basic karate & kick boxing movements. If you sign-up for this class, attend the Thursday class FREE.
152201-1	Morning Yoga 16+	M/Tu/Th/F/7-8:30am CC-Dance R:\$50 for 10 classes NR: \$62.50 for 10 classes Drop-in: R:\$6; NR:\$7	Mary Wirick	This class suitable for beginners or experienced people. Bring a mat, towel or small blanket. Enter at dance studio door (around back of building, look for the lights on). Class is ongoing.
152206-1	T'ai Chi-Continuing 16+	Sat/8:30-9:30am/CC-Rehearsal R:\$36; NR:\$44; 8-weeks	Larry Fleming	Learn basic T'ai Chi movements.
152206-2	T'ai Chi-Beginning 16+	Sat/9:30-10:30am/CC/Rehearsal R:\$36; NR:\$44; 8-weeks	Larry Fleming	Must have completed beginning T'ai Chi movements
N/A	Tone & Strengthen 16+	Tu/Th/9:30-10:45am CC/Dance Studio; 10-weeks Tu/FREE; Th/R: \$2; NR:\$3	Judy Cocchiaro	Bring mats/weights. Baby sitting is not available. Starts 1/5/99.
152204-1	Vishwatan Yoga 16+	Tu/6:30-7:30pm/CC-Dance R:\$38; NR:\$46; 8-weeks	Manju Shukla	Focus on yoga exercises, yoga therapy and breathing techniques to reduce weight and improve circulation.
N/A	Aerobics Jackie Sorenson's 16+	Tu/Th/6-7pm/SHL Sat/9-10am Workouts: \$3.50 per class	Janet Anderson	Register with the class instructor at the first class (301)439-3866.
N/A	Jazzercise Regular 16+	M-W/7-8pm/CC-Gym Drop in \$6; 16 classes: \$48	Bev McQuay	Ongoing class, register any class night. Warm-up, aerobics, strengthening/toning, and cool down. (301)776-5405
N/A	Jazzercise Cardio Quick 16+	F/6:30-7:15pm/CC-Dance Drop in: \$6; 16 classes: \$48	Bev McQuay	Ongoing. Register any class night. 45-minute quickie that includes aerobic only. (301)776-5405

HISTORY

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The functional or contemporary style of the homes was described by one critic as "solidly built boxes pierced with windows" whose "appearance is redeemed only by their placement in the landscape."

Central oil heating systems for each building and utilities were designed for single ownership at a savings in cost. The town had its own electric, water and sanitary sewer systems with water and electricity being purchased at bulk rates and sewage being treated at a town plant (located where the District Highway Engineer's office is now located). In planning the town, apparently no thought was given to the possibility that some day there might be private ownership of the separate buildings. That resulted in many problems when the project was sold by the government in 1953.

Combining the school with a community center was a cost saving feature that the architect felt would "draw community activities into closer contact with child education." The school was one of the few true art deco structures built. It has a streamline modern design with flying buttresses on the front and carved stone reliefs depicting the preamble to the U.S. Constitution. The two main buildings at the commercial center are also art deco with curved corners, buttresses on the theater and a curved front facade with an art deco

sign (long gone).. Lenore Thomas did both the mother and child statue and the school reliefs.

Innovations

Many innovations that became common to the construction industry were first tried here. These included threaded copper fittings for water pipes, brass plumbing in the waste system and decorative glass blocks. Greenbelt was the first project to use copper piping. New ways to build laths and concrete roofs were also developed on the project. The use of glass blocks was so new that no one knew how to lay them. The first attempt to build a wall was unsuccessful, with the wall collapsing overnight. The glass blocks were used in the school and the apartments.

Landscaping was an important aspect for the new town. Some 12-13,000 native trees, shrubs and small plants located in the construction area were moved to a nursery for reuse. Angus MacGregor, who was formerly employed by the millionaire financier J. Pierpont Morgan, was the head groundskeeper. Efforts were made to save trees whenever possible. At Roosevelt's suggestion, numerous Tulip Poplar trees were planted. Instead of fences, hedges were used to define yards.

The greenbelt was a distinctive feature of the plan and the basis for the town's name. However, other than its use for garden plots, its purpose was ill-defined. Plans for farming were abandoned because of budget problems and realization

that it was not good farm land. Some planners felt that it was reserved for future expansion or to control future expansion. There were concept plans for the further development of Greenbelt with other neighborhoods, but no official plans.

The biggest failure of the original planning is that it failed to plan for an expanded total community although future expansion was assumed. Nor did it consider that the government would not own it one day.

On April 30, President and Mrs. Roosevelt reviewed and approved the plans. On November 13, following his electoral victory at the polls for a second term of office, Roosevelt came to Greenbelt to inspect its progress. Special accommodations were made for the handicapped president to tour the model units at 33 Court of Ridge Road. He was quoted as saying, "I have seen the blueprints of this project and have been greatly interested, but the actual sight itself exceeds anything I have dreamed of. This is a real achievement and I wish everyone in the country could see it."

First Tenants.

The first tenants moved in on September 30, 1937. Originally budgeted for less than \$10 million, the original appropriation was for \$6.95 million. The project wound up costing over \$13,000,000, which resulted in a great deal of criticism from the opponents and skeptics. However, part of the cost was for relief employment, which would have occurred in any event. Over 13,000 people were



Santa came to the Greenbelt Community Center on December 12. He and his Elf passed out candy canes and books to all the boys and girls. (Seam Michael Catterton tells Santa and his Elf what he wishes for Christmas.)

- photo by Leigh Catterton

ultimately employed on the project.

Instead of building the 1,000 units originally planned, the project was scaled back to the 574 townhomes, 306 apartment units and 5 single-family prefabricated houses actually built. A few farms were remodeled and 10 steel-frame dwellings known as Parkbelt on Forestway were privately built. Not built was a bathhouse, boathouse and beach at the lake

and the Greenbelt Inn which was to have been located on Parkway. Although fewer garages were planned than a study indicated were needed, only 375 of the 500 were ever built. Underpasses for Ridge Road were deleted. Churches were not built because of separation of church and state, and the new churches formed by the residents had to buy land and build their own edifices.



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Al Markell cuts his retirement cake bearing miniature tractors in its frosting at a luncheon of city employees and others in his honor in celebration of his retirement from the city after 34 1/2 years of service on the parks crew.



Al Markell (l) listens to commendations by Public Works Superintendent of Operations Kenneth Hall (2nd from r) as City Manager Michael McLaughlin (2nd l) and Parks Foreman Richard Mills look on.

- photos by Beverly Palau

Free Children's Holiday Program

The South Laurel Recreation Council invites people to the 23rd annual free children's holiday program on Sunday, December 20 at 7 p.m. This program for families will be held in the multi-purpose room of the Deerfield Run Community Center located at 13000 Laurel-Bowie Road (Route 197 near Conte Road) in South Laurel, 1/4 mile west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Route 295).

Come and enjoy "Sugar Plum Fantasy" presented by Bob Brown Puppets as well as holiday music, candy canes, and a visit with Santa and his friends. For further information, call the Council at 301-776-2805.

Cold Weather Safety Tips

Bill Holland of Greenbelt's Department of Planning and Community Development offers the following tips for a healthy home heating system:

- Check furnace filter and continue to do so once a month. If it is dirty, clean or replace it.
- Clean dust and lint from furnace vents, registers or radiators. Keep furniture, drapes and rugs from contacting or blocking heaters.
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Employees Bid Farewell to Al Markell

by James Giese

Recognized as one of the longest serving working municipal employees in the state of Maryland, Al Markell, a crewman in the parks crew of the Greenbelt Public Works Department retires this month. Markell began working with Public Works on July 6, 1964 and is retiring 34 1/2 years later. City employees and retirees from all departments and some of Markell's friends and family gathered for a luncheon at the Greenbelt Community Center on December 11 to honor and bid farewell to Markell upon his retirement.

Al Markell is one of many little known city employees who performs important work on a daily basis that helps to make the city a better place in which to live. According to Superintendent of Operations Kenneth Hall, who led off the kudos at the luncheon, Markell's special niche in the parks operations was the repair of

small engines and playground equipment. He was known for his ability to diagnose the equipment/tool problem and make timely repairs. Hall went on to say that the philosophy at Public Works has always been "If Al can't fix it, it can't be fixed."

The department's acting director also referred to citations placed in Markell's personnel file about his maintenance of playground equipment and how he had singly constructed bus shelters and playground equipment pieces. He noted that Markell had been nominated by other employees on several occasions for the award of Outstanding Employee. A Greenbelt resident had also commended Markell in a letter to the News Review for his honesty and integrity in finding her lost wallet and returning it to her.

Hall presented Markell with a recognition plaque. City Manager Michael McLaughlin presented him with a check from the city and a

watch bearing the city logo, gifts of the city. Richard Mills, foreman of the Parks Crew presented Markell with a check from fellow employees and commented on how he and other newer employees sought him out for advice.

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Greenbelt Association for Visual Arts

Registration forms for GAVA classes are available at the Community Center main office. For more information on GAVA classes please call Jessica Gitlis at 301/441-3859.

Children's Programs Ages 5-16

Saturday Ceramics: Children learn hand building, sculpture and glazing skills. Sec. 1: Sa/10-11am, Sec. 2: Sa/11:15am-12:15pm. Ceramic Studio/ 1/23-4/10/12 wks. R: \$60; NR: \$70/ Ages 5-10
Instructor: Ann Potter

Ceramics for Ages 11+: Introduction to hand building and using the wheel for ages 11 and over. Sa/3-5pm/Ceramic Studio 1/23-4/10/12 wks. R: \$115; NR: \$125. Instructor: Ann Potter

Comic Book I Ages 8-10: Learn the creative steps of how real comic books are drawn, inked, colored & printed. Fri. 4:30-5:30 pm. 1/22-4/9/12wks. Child. Art Rm. R: \$35; NR: \$45 per 6 wk. sess., R: \$60; NR: \$80 per 12 wk. sess.
Instructor: George Kochell

Comic Book II Ages 10+: Learn the creative steps of how real comic books are drawn, inked, colored & printed. Fri. 5:30-7:30pm. 1/22-4/9/12wks. Child. Art Rm. R: \$70; NR: \$80 per 6 wk. sess., R: \$130; NR: \$150 per 12 wk. sess.
Instructor: George Kochell

Explorations in Clay I: Children and adults work together to create hand built pottery and sculpture. Sa. 1-3pm/Ceramic Studio. R: \$116; NR: \$126. 1/2 sessions available. 1/23-4/10/12wks.
Fee is for one adult & one child, additional child; R: \$35; NR: \$40. Instructors: Liz Lescault, Barbara Simon, Katie Scott Childress

Explorations in Clay II: For families who have completed Explorations I. Participants will continue learning more hand building & glazing techniques. Sa. 3-5pm. Ceramic Studio. R: \$116; NR: \$126. 1/2 sessions available. 1/23-4/10/12wks.
Fee is for one adult & one child, additional child; R: \$35; NR: \$40. Instructors: Liz Lescault, Barbara Simon, Katie Scott Childress

Painting & Printmaking for ages 5-10: Children learn a variety of painting and printmaking techniques. Sa. 10-11am/Child. Art Rm/1/23-4/10/12 wks. R: \$65; NR: \$75. Rm/Instructor: Barbara Simon

Painting Ages 10-16: Explore painting through drawing, composition and color using a variety of mediums. Material list available at Comm.Ctr. office. Instructor: Suzanne Koch
Sa. 1-2:30/Chd Art Rm. 1/23-4/10/12wks. 1/2 sess. avail. R: \$65; NR: \$75 per 6 wks, R: \$120; NR: \$130 per 12 wks.

Homeschool Art Class: Children use clay, paint, and printmaking materials. Parents are encouraged to participate in curriculum development. Mon. 1-3pm/Children's Art Rm. 1/18-4/12/12wks. R: \$112; NR: \$122. Instructor: Barbara Simon

Pre-school Drop-in Art Program: For pre-schoolers and their parents or caregivers. Children explore different art materials with their parents' guidance. Monitor: Melinda McMullin. Wed. 9am-12 noon & 2-4pm/\$1.50/hr.

After School Drop-In Art Program: Children explore a variety of art materials. Program is monitored by volunteers. Tues. & Weds. 3-6pm/\$1per hr. Follows PG County School Calendar.

Tapestry Weaving for Kids: Students construct a loom and learn the basics of warping and weaving using several techniques and a variety of materials. Instructor: Elizabeth Lundberg Morisette. Thurs. 4-5:30pm Adult Art rm. 1/21-3/18wks/R: \$50; NR: \$60

Teen & Adult Classes Ages 16 & Over

Landscape Painting: Examine techniques for landscape paintings. For students with previous oil painting experience. Sun. 2-5. Ad. Art Rm.
Session I: 1/17-2/21/6 wks./R: \$100; NR: \$110
Session II: 2/28-4/11/6 wks./R: \$100; NR: \$110
*12 week session: R:\$180; NR:\$190
Instructor: Dan Kennedy Materials not included.

Paint Like a Pro: For beginning & intermediate students. Study tonal values (shading), figure-ground relationships and color. Wed. 7-9. Adult Art Rm. 1/27-3/17/8 wks./R: \$88; NR: \$98. Instructor: Ted Kliman Materials not included

Introduction to Ceramics: An introduction to the art of pottery making. Tu/7-9/ Cer. Stu. 1/18-4/5/12wks.
Instructor: Gina Mai Denn. R: \$115; NR: \$125

Intermediate Ceramics: For students who have previous experience. Emphasis will be on improving wheel and glazing techniques and learning more advanced pottery forms. Weds. 7-9pm. Cer. Stu. 1/19-4/6/12 wks.
R: \$115; NR: \$125. Instructor: Gina Mai Denn

Pottery Form & Technique: Throwing techniques will be evaluated and specific problem areas targeted with problem solving strategies offered. Sa. 9-12 noon Cer. Stu. 1/23-3/27/5 sess. Meets every other wk. R: \$115; NR: \$125. Instructor: Liz Lescault

Sunday Ceramics: Learn to create hand built and wheel thrown pottery. Su. 1:30-3:30pm Ceramic Studio. 1/17-4/11/12wks.
R: \$115; NR: \$125. Instructor: Peter Holden

Tile Making: Create glazed ceramic tiles for your home learning texture, relief and repeated patterns. Tu. 7-9pm. Cer. Stu. 1/19-4/6/12wks. R: \$115; NR: \$125. Instructor: Katie Scott-Childress

Ceramic Open Studio: For students and artists with previous experience in a ceramic studio. The studio is open for use when classes are not being held. 25lbs. clay included. 1/17-4/11. Daily use of ceramic studio for 12 wks. R: \$50; NR: \$60

Calligraphy: This course covers every facet of Italic writing using Calligraphy markers and dip pens. Material list available at the Community Center main office. 1/18-2/22/6 wks. Mon. 7-9pm. Adult Art Rm. R: \$55; NR: \$65. \$8.25 material fee. Instructor: Itsy Kliman

Stained Glass I: Learn basic stained glass cutting, assembly and finishing techniques. Pay \$15 material fee directly to instructor at first class. 1/23-3/13 8wks. Instructor: Richard McMullin. Sa. 3-5pm. Adult Art Rm. R: \$60; NR: \$70

Stained Glass II: Learn advanced stained glass techniques. For students with previous experience. Pay \$15 material fee to instructor at first class. 1/23-3/13/8wks. Instructor: Richard McMullin. Sa. 5-7pm. Adult Art Rm. R: \$60; NR: \$70

Drawing: Learn a variety of approaches to drawing from a model. Bring an 18x 24" drawing pad and drawing pencils. Th. 7-9pm. Adult Art Rm.
R: \$115; NR: \$125. Model fee \$30. Materials not included. 1/20-3/11 8 wks. Instructor: Clark Mester

Basketweaving: One day classes & 3 day workshops for beginners, intermediate and advanced weavers. Classes cover all the basics of traditional basketry. Call the instructor Teddy Primack at 441-8462 for class schedules.

Tapestry Rug Weaving: This class will teach students how to weave rug rugs using three different tapestry techniques. Instructor: Elizabeth Lundberg Morisette. Weds. 6:30-9:30pm. 1/20-3/10. R:\$70; NR:\$80

POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Burglary

3 court of Eastway, Dec. 6, 10:52 a.m., cash was taken from a residence. Entry was forced through a door.

4 court of Southway, Dec. 6, 8:45 p.m., a computer was taken from a residence. Entry was forced through the front door.

4 court of Hillside Road, Dec. 6, 10:03 a.m., a home was searched but nothing was taken. Entry was forced through the rear door.

18 court of Plateau Place, Dec. 7, 6:39 p.m., an unattended and unsecured boy's blue Trek bicycle was stolen from a backyard.

7800 block of Emily's Way, Dec. 10, 9:31 p.m., jewelry and electronics were taken from a residence. Entry was gained by cutting a basement window screen and forcing the window open.

9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, Dec. 10, 10:37 p.m., two color television sets were taken from a residence. It is not known how entry into the apartment was gained.

Vandalism

Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 4, 12:35 a.m., a 27-year-old male resident was arrested after destroying a payphone inside the mall. He was released on criminal citation pending trial.

400 block of Ridge Road, Dec. 9, 2:50 a.m., a 28-year-old male nonresident was arrested after he punctured two tires on the tow truck that was impounding his illegally parked vehicle. He was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

Vehicle Crimes

6200 block of Breezewood Drive, Dec. 4, a gold 1994 Honda Accord with New York tags R950NU was stolen.

100 block of Legion Drive, Dec. 5, a white 1991 Chevrolet conversion van with Maryland tags 838893M was stolen.

100 block of Westway, Dec. 5, a black 1996 Honda Accord with unknown New Jersey temporary tags was stolen.

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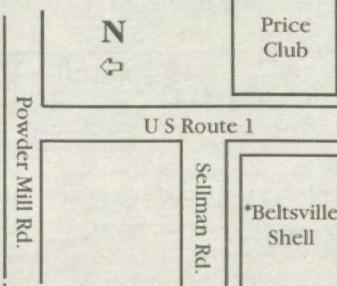


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who was objecting to a roadway drawn on a newly prepared preliminary land use map. The road, roughly parallel to the CSX railroad track, formed a north-south connection through the Smith property between Greenbelt Road and the Metro site. On the map it was shown as a line of alternating black and white segments.

"You've got a black and white snake going across..." Boone shouted over all other speakers, ignoring their attempts to describe the thinking behind this element of the map design. "It will destroy the wetlands, the whole thing—that one little viper road there."

Others explained that no particular placement had been designated for the small road, whose location would depend on later environmental assessments. They noted that some sort of access would be necessary for nearby residents to reach the projected major retail center. Other access roads had been considered and abandoned during the planning process and that reducing traffic impact on the residential neighborhoods along Cherrywood Lane had been a major planning priority.

When Armstrong thus finally got the floor, he deplored "people who've never been here before and who want to undo everything," the compromises that had been worked out, coming in and saying "You're all scum." I wish people would be a little considerate of what's been done before.... It's very distressing to conscientiously work over a two-year period and have people come in and want to throw it away."

In a similar vein, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis recalled the "many, many months to come up with a concept," which could still be changed, she noted. "If I were a developer, I'd love to hear what I'm hearing now—everybody eating away at each other—Hollywood against Berwyn Heights, Berwyn Heights against Greenbelt. And the developer is going to win in the end." She urged that the road remain as part of the map until necessary information becomes available to deal with that issue.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts reminded those present of the Greenbelt Station plans developed after the county council authorized such action in CB 35. "We're trying to get something better for all our

communities," Roberts said.

Councilmember Thomas White agreed: "Absent that road Cherrywood is going to get the brunt."

Monty Kolste, MNCPPC project facilitator, concurred: "A multimodal center by definition means automobile access. You don't want to do damage to circuit streets."

Urban planner Jennifer Smith pointed out that the preliminary map does not show the bicycle and pedestrian trails that the planning group has also proposed.

Evidently trying to smooth some ruffled feathers, Greenbelter Doug Love, representing environmental interests, summed it up: "You did a 98 percent wonderful job and we thank you for it. No one is calling anyone 'scum.'"

Fiscal Year 1999

The meeting had been called primarily to sketch out plans for what would occur under the county's fiscal year 1999 budget: to develop a sector plan for the Greenbelt Metro Area section of the Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt planning area. Included would be concern for "the area's differing

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constraints and opportunities ... for individual neighborhoods," with "balanced solutions to environmental and developmental issues" to be recommended.

A plan outline was passed out to those in attendance including the following items: land use; circulation; environment, recreation and open space; public facilities; and economics/market. Besides the core area to be considered—the WMATA site and the Smith property—including preservation and conservation management, nearby neighborhoods would also be looked at, including Springhill Lake, the Hollywood and Branchville sections of College Park, the Greenbelt Road corridor and Beltway Plaza, Capital Office Park, and the USDA Headquarters and adjacent areas of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

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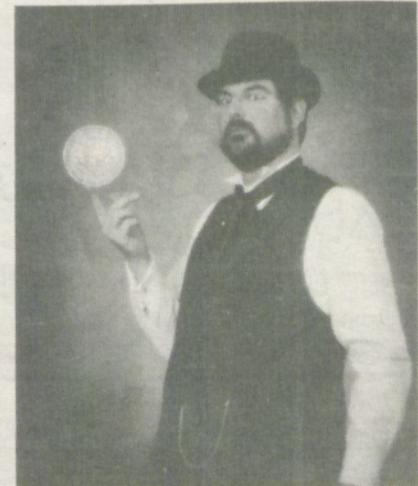
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